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Dear Parent,

EXPEDITIONS – SUMMER TERM 2023

I am writing to inform you of this term's 3-day expedition destinations taking place from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th June 2023. Your son/daughter will be informed in detail of their individual expedition, but this letter is to apprise you of the timings and general overview of those staff in charge.

Arts Award – Mr T Coupe: Arts Award are excited to be putting on Arts Fest during Expeditions. This will involve students developing their leadership skills as arts practitioners through the preparation of workshops on Tuesday and then delivering their activities to Year 5 and 6 students from Ellesmere Primary School on Wednesday. Thursday will be spent evaluating their experiences and putting on a special Arts Fest Show on the Terraces from 4.15pm – 5.00pm. In addition to this there should be opportunities to spend some time out of school but students will only be needed during the normal school day and will be able to use transport as normal.

Green Team – Mrs J Kirk: The Green Team will be going on a series of day trips in and around the local Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire areas. Each trip will depart from College after 8.30am and on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June they will return before 5.15pm in time for buses. However, on **Tuesday 27th June** Green Team will not return to College until **approximately 8.30pm**, so **day students will need to be collected from College** (Alternatively, they may wish to stay over in College that night – by arrangement with their HsM).

On Tuesday 27th June, the group will visit Arley Hall, in Cheshire, to take part in a Foraging workshop, led by one of the Arley Hall staff, before returning to Shropshire in the evening to take part in a Bushcraft workshop at Sleaf, where they will continue to develop the skills they were introduced to last October. On Wednesday 28th June they will visit Fordhall Farm in Market Drayton, to study environmentally friendly farming techniques and wildlife conservation. On Thursday 29th June they will be travelling to Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire, to visit the Monkey Forest and browse the garden and shopping centre.

DofE Gold Canoe – Mr J Underhill: The Expedition will depart from College at 8.45am on Monday 26th June and return at approximately 5.30pm on Thursday 29th June. The group will also be expected to attend the acclimatisation day in College on Sunday 25th June from 2pm until 5.30pm (Day Pupils are encouraged to board that night, if possible – and by arrangement with their HSM). The group will be canoeing the River Wye from Hay-on-Wye to Monmouth, and camping out each night. Mr Underhill will be issuing a separate letter in due course giving further details.

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DofE Silver – Dr R Hansford: The Expedition will depart from College for North Wales at 9.00am on Tuesday 27th June. They will be walking from Barmouth to Bala and camping out overnight on the Tuesday and Wednesday, returning to College in the afternoon of Thursday 30th June. Day pupils can go home on the buses at 5.30pm on the Thursday. Pupils must be fully equipped for walking in Snowdonia (and make sure they have sunscreen, a hat and water bottle along with DofE kit – a kit list will be provided to pupils - the same one is available on the DofE FROG page).

CCF Cadets – Lt. Col. M Clewlow (CCF Contingent Commander):

Year 9 Cadets/Duke of Edinburgh Bronze – Mrs N Welty and Mr G Phillips: The Bronze group will complete their Assessed Expedition on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June. They will be walking around the Llangollen area and Llantysilio mountains, camping out overnight at Abbey Farm near Llangollen. All groups will return to College in time for buses at 5.30pm on Wednesday 28th June. On Thursday 29th June the group will spend the day back at College organising kits and completing their DofE presentations, as well as taking part in some fun team building activities.

Years 10 and 12 Army Cadets will conduct final preparations and practice at College on the Monday morning, departing for Nesscliff Training Area after lunch. They will then conduct an exercise lasting just over 48 hours during which they will put into practice the skills learnt during the year. Monday and Tuesday nights will be spent sleeping under 2 person improvised shelters. They will return to College in time for school buses on Wednesday evening. Training will take place on the College grounds on Thursday.

CCF RAF – Mr J Haycock: On Tuesday 27th June the RAF section will be based in College taking part in a number of leadership activities and tasks, followed by the testing of the rockets that they have been designing over this term as part of the rocketry syllabus. On Wednesday 28th June cadets from the Navy and RAF Sections will team up to play airsoft. On Thursday 29th June, the Navy and RAF Sections will join up again for a field day at Whitemere that will see them engaging in a range of sailing activities. On all three days, cadets should arrive at College for 08.30am and will be ready to travel home or return to their boarding house by 5.30pm.

CCF Navy – Mr D Bottom: On Tuesday 27th June, Navy cadets in years 10 to 13 will go to Whitemere to sail. On Wednesday 28th June, cadets from the Navy and RAF Sections will team up to play airsoft. On Thursday 29th June, the Navy and RAF Sections will join up again for a field day at Whitemere that will see them engaging in a range of sailing activities. On all three days, cadets should arrive at College for 8.30am and will be ready to travel home or return to their boarding house by 5.30pm.

Tennis – Mr S Welty: On the morning of Tuesday 27th June, the group will be training in College in the morning, followed by Go Karting in Rednal in the afternoon. On Wednesday 28th June players will be traveling to the National Schools Final in Nottingham to see our team compete against the best in the UK, returning to College at around 8.00pm. On Thursday 29th June we will hold a tournament in the College followed by the 'Federation Cup' event in the afternoon. Day pupils can return home on buses on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th June but will need to be collected by parents for the later return on Wednesday 28th June.

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Swimmers – Mr G Worrow: Both Senior and Youth Performance swim squads will experience three intensive days of training and activities that will engage and motivate the swimmers, these will be held both on and off site. More detailed information on all activities will follow in a separate letter from the Coaches in due course. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Members of the Regional Performance squad will attend the Lower School Expeditions (refer to the Lower School information in the table at the bottom of this letter). For training around Expo’s please refer to the Swimming Academy training schedule that has been sent out.

Golf – Mr R Ashbrook: On Tuesday 27th June, the Golfers will be departing for Hawkstone Park in time to play on the Championship Course at 11.00am. On Wednesday they will be playing the Portal Championship Course and on Thursday they will be traveling to the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, to watch the British Golf Masters. The Expedition will depart at 9.00am and return in time for buses each day.

Football – Mr B Hall: Pupils will engage in a series of training activities that will be based in College on Tuesday and Thursday. A professional footballer will visit as a guest speaker who will also take a training session for the group. A former RAF member will also visit to engage the pupils in teambuilding activities. On Wednesday the group will visit our Manchester Academy site to take part in a tournament with mixed squads.

Lower School

Lower School pupils will follow a series of one day experiences, and will be able to depart school at the usual time of 5.30pm each evening (unless they are Boarders).

Lower School expo’s:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Ash	Hoo Zoo	Weston Park	Sports Day and in School activities
Oak	Hoo Zoo	Weston Park	Sports Day and in School activities
Elm	Roman Soldier in School	Seaquarium	Sports Day and in School activities
Y6	Roman Soldier in School	Beatles Story Walker Art Gallery	Sports Day and in School activities
Y7	Castles visit	Chester Zoo	Sports Day and in School activities
Y8	Chill Factory	Drayton Manor	Sports Day and in School activities

Please be aware that there may be some variation on the day that the activity takes place during the expedition period, but if you have any issues with these activities, please contact Mrs S Morgan.

Yours sincerely,

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